

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

v.

**STEVEN R BRANDENBURG**

**ARRAIGNMENT & PLEA  
HEARING  
(By Zoom)**

Case No. 21-cr-0025-BHL

HONORABLE BRETT H. LUDWIG, presiding  
Proceeding Held: 2/9/2021  
Deputy Clerk: Melissa P.

Time Called: 10:12 a.m.  
Time Concluded: 11:32 a.m.  
Tape: 11

**Appearances:**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA by:

AUSAs Kevin C Knight, Rachel Baron, and Ross S Goldstein

Steven R Brandenburg, by zoom and by:

Jason D Baltz

US PROBATION OFFICE by:

James Fetherston

INTERPRETER: N/A

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Indictment                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Indictment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony | <input type="checkbox"/> Misdemeanor |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of information received by defendant |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant advised of maximum penalties: For each count, 10 years imprisonment, \$250K fine, 3 years SR, \$100 special assessment, and court ordered restitution. |  |                                      |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defense counsel advises that defendant wishes to enter a plea of guilty                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court advises defendant as to:                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plea agreement filed  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elements of the offense  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant has reviewed plea agreement with counsel and is satisfied w/representation          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maximum penalties  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant sworn   | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory minimum sentence  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant advised that false statements made under oath may result in prosecution for perjury | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture provision   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court questions defendant as to background, education, medical history, drug usage            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sentencing guidelines  |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rule 11(b) Rights  |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waiver of appeal rights  |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government provides factual basis as set forth in plea agreement |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GUILTY plea entered to Count(s) 1-2 of the information          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court finds Defendant's plea to be knowing and voluntary and that a factual basis exists for the plea |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Defendant adjudged guilty   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHARGE: 18:1365(a)(1) - ATTEMPT TO TAMPER WITH CONSUMER PRODUCT |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sentencing set for: <b>June 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.</b>            |   |

☒ Defendant released ☒ with conditions.  
SEE Order Setting Conditions of Release.

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Defendant consented to proceeding by videoconference.

The Court found that the current COVID situation warrants holding this arraignment, the waiver of indictment, and plea hearing by videoconference. Accordingly, in the interests of justice, to avoid unnecessary delay, and, with the defendant's consent, the hearing proceeded by videoconference.

Defendant waived indictment on the record and the Court approved the waiver.

Government moved for defendant to be detained pending sentencing. The defendant's counsel argued against detention pending sentencing. The Court denied the government's motion and ordered the defendant released with conditions pending sentencing.